CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for authentication of a person by hand recognition, comprising:

scanning a hand in a first position and during transition to a second position; and

carrying out hand recognition based on said scanning.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising detecting a living person based on scanning data obtained during said scanning of the transition.

3. The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising authenticating the living person only if it is recognized that the hand moves intrinsically during the transition.

4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carrying out of the hand recognition is based on scanning data obtained by said scanning of the first position and the transition.

5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said carrying out of the hand recognition takes into account an amount of time needed for the transition.

6. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising authenticating the living person only if a specific transition is recognized.

7. The method as claimed in claim 1,

further comprising scanning the hand in the second position, and

wherein said carrying out the hand recognition is further based on scanning data obtained for the second position.

8. The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the hand has to assume a different hand shape in the second position than in the first position.

9. A system for authentication of a person by hand recognition, comprising:

a scanner to scan a hand in a first position and during transition to a second position, to obtain scanning data; and

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a processor, coupled to said scanner, to perform hand recognition based on the scanning data.

10. A computer readable medium storing at least one computer software module for controlling a data processing system to perform a method for authentication of a person by hand recognition, said method comprising:

scanning a hand in a first position and during transition to a second position; and

carrying out hand recognition based on said scanning.